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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO AMEMBASSY RABAT  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINR, MO, IN  
SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON INDIAN  
AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 6885

1. UDAY CHAND SONI IS A CAREER INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER. THIS IS HIS SECOND TOUR IN MOROCCO. BORN MAY 10, 1933, SONI HOLDS A B.A. DEGREE. AFTER JOINING THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1957, HE SERVED AS SECOND SECRETARY IN RABAT, BANGKOK AND HAVANA; AS FIRST SECRETARY IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTION OF THE INDIAN MISSION IN ROME; AS DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY; AND AS COUNSELOR, AGAIN IN ROME. IN 1974 HE WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO NEW DELHI TO SERVE IN THE COMMERCE (FOREIGN TRADE) MINISTRY. HE WAS SOON AFTER POSTED TO THE CABINET SECRETARIAT (WHICH COORDINATES THE WORK OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES) WITH THE RANK OF JOINT SECRETARY, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT LAST JULY AS AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO.

2. AMBASSADOR SONI'S WIFE, AMBIKA SONI, WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MRS. GANDHI'S YOUNGER SON, SANJAY, AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT  
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OF HIS POLITICAL PLATFORM, THE INDIAN YOUTH CONGRESS FROM NOVEMBER 1975 TO MARCH 1977. SHE IS NOW A CONGRESS PARTY MEMBER OF THE RAJYA SABHA, THE UPPER HOUSE OF INDIA'S PARLIAMENT. THE SONIS WERE REPORTEDLY ESTRANGED FOR SOME TIME, BUT THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RECONCILED; THEY HAVE ONE SON. GOHEEN

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